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C.O. May 23, 1914

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Dear Mrs Parsons, I am sure you must  
feel how sincerely I sympathize with you.

I little thought when last I wrote that  
the end of your husband's blessed life was so  
nigh. Mr Colby's letter alarmed me, but I  
refused to believe that one so full of the  
strength of the hills was beyond healing.  
I wish I could help to comfort you in your  
sore loneliness, though the warmest heart-words  
must at first be unavailing. From this good  
better world eternal in the heavens.  
His cheery inspiring presence will be sadly missed  
by every good mountaineer friend around the  
camp fires, but his memory will be held dear  
and all will continue to rejoice together in  
the great good enduring work he accomplished.

God be with you dear friend to  
cheer and sustain you in this trial.  
So devoutly prays John Muir